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Vermontville Fire Department to purchase new gear

Firefighters in the area will be sporting a new look in the near future.

With Trustee Blair Miller absent, the Vermontville Township Board approved the purchase of 16 new coats, helmets and pant sets for the Vermontville Fire

Department at its regular meeting Thursday evening. The items will cost just over \$25,000 and will bring the department's gear up to code, said department representative Jason Byington.

Trustee Brian Moore brought the purchase before

the board. Moore is the township board representative on the fire and ambulance committee. With only Moore and fellow board member Carla Rumsey present at the committee meeting, Moore said the proposal was not discussed by the

whole committee before it was brought to the township board Thursday night. Fire Chief Monte O'Dell submitted the proposal to the committee but was not present at the township meeting. Byington said all coats are now required to have a drag

harness installed to aid in removing someone from a burning building.

The department will use a certificate of deposit to purchase the items. Moore questioned the future equipment needs of the department before making a motion to

purchase the new gear.

"Would we be better buying eight this year and eight next year? Do you know of any other equipment the department might need to buy soon?" Moore asked

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Dairy judging team is successful at World Dairy Expo

Four second-year Michigan State University Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy production program students competed in what turned out to be a close-scoring international post-secondary dairy judging contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., in early October.

Eric Westendorp of Nashville joined team members Eric Cole of Bancroft, Elizabeth Reed of Owosso and James Weber of Vassar.

Westendorp was the fifth high-placing individual overall and second in the Holstein breed. Cole was the second high individual in Brown Swiss and seventh in the Guernsey breed. Reed was fourth in the Red and White dairy cattle category.

Seventeen teams competed in this year's contest, which was the 21st annual. The MSU team placed third in Brown Swiss, fourth in the Guernsey breed and eighth overall.

"The ultimate goal is to do well at Madison because it is the highest profile dairy judging contest in the country, maybe in the world," says Joe Domecq, specialist in the MSU Department of Animal Science and dairy judging coach who traveled with the team. "It's important to remember, though, that participating in dairy cattle judging is not neces-

sarily about winning contests or even evaluating cows. It's about developing professional and social skills — such as critical thinking, public speaking and communication skills — which one needs to be successful in the future."

This year's winning team was from the Ag Tech Institute at Ohio State University. The high individual was Matt Henkes from Northeast Iowa Community College.

World Dairy Expo is an international dairy event — it includes an industry trade show, national dairy cattle shows and sales, youth judging contests, virtual farm tours and educational programs. Total attendance for this year's week-long event was 64,796, which included 2,551 international guests representing 91 countries.

Shows were held for seven dairy breeds. A total of 2,607 animals were on the show grounds, representing 912 exhibitors from 35 states and seven Canadian provinces; 752 commercial exhibitors from 24 countries took part in the industry trade show.

The event was preceded by the 54th annual National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison Sept. 27 to Oct. 1. Westendorp was selected from a field of applicants to attend the conference based on past experience, knowl-

edge and interest in the dairy industry in a competition put on by the Michigan Milk Producers Association this summer in Novi.

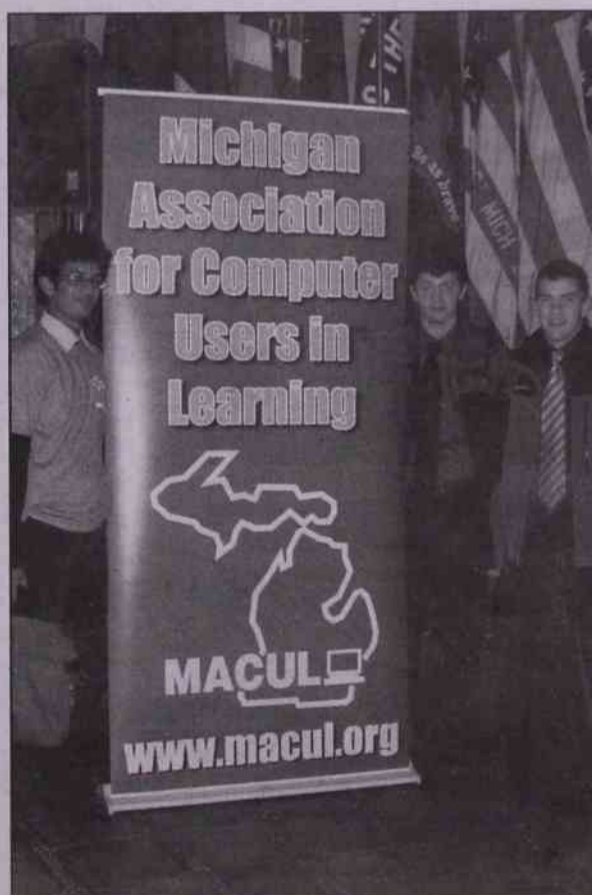
The four-day program in Madison exposed 4-H members to new dairy science technology and dairy-related careers.

"Meeting people from all over the country who share similar interest was great," said Westendorp. "I learned so much in an area that inter-

At right, Levi Westendorp (back, center) of Nashville took part in two dairy programs in Wisconsin, recently. Here, he is joined by his mother, Louisa Westendorp (front, second from right).



Maple Valley students participate in student technology showcase



Aquib Sadman Bari, Adam Zank and Joe Benedict recently took part in a technology conference at the state capitol.

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Three Maple Valley students participated in the Student Technology Showcase at the State Capitol in Lansing Oct. 28.

Adam Zank, Joseph Benedict and Aquib Sadman Bari, Maple Valley High School virtual students, were among students from nearly 50 schools in Michigan who were invited to show elected members of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used to facilitate learning in the classroom.

Zank spoke about "Film Directors of the Golden Age" and the online

"Blackboard" process involved in submitting work. Benedict discussed his classes in U.S. history and geography. Bari impressed the audience with a slide show illustrating digital photography modification.

The showcase was sponsored by Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, an organization dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to share their knowledge and concerns regarding educational uses of computers and technology, and REMC Association of Michigan.

Putnam library seeking input

Community supporters are invited to attend the reorganizational meeting of Putnam District Library's Friends of the Library group. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the children's room at the library. Anyone interested in supporting the library through fundraising, volunteerism or advocacy work is encouraged to attend.

Susan Smith, president of Hastings Public Library's Friends of the Library group, will share that group's experiences of rekindling and maintaining a Friends group.

This casual gathering will be informational and will focus on the initial steps to formally organize a group as well as identify potential leaders and general volunteers.

Anyone interested in helping shape the future of Putnam District Library is invited to attend. Those interested but unable to make the meeting should call the library at 517-852-9723 to voice their interest in the group. For more information on Friends of the Library groups in Michigan, visit www.foml.org.

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Nashville Lions Club inducts new member

The October meeting of the Nashville Lions Club was held Oct. 19 at Country Kettle Cafe in Nashville. President Dave Mace gave a brief history of the Lions International organization and the Nashville Lions Club.

Melvin Jones founded the Lions in 1917 as a service organization. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be knights of the blind. Lions International is the world's largest secular organization with 44,500 clubs and 1.4 million members in 203 countries.

The Nashville Lions Club was founded in 1942. The Doug Vogt Scholarship was founded by the club in 1987 which gives scholarships to Maple Valley students each year. Also since 1987, the

Nashville Lions have been serving pancakes at the Vermontville Syrup Festival as its main project.

After sharing this history, Mace introduced Russ Cerny and his wife, Rose, and inducted Russ into the Nashville Lions Club. Russ has already been a helpful addition in several of the Lions projects and was warmly welcomed into the club, said Mace.

After dinner, Lisa Langley from the Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor, spoke to the club. The eye bank was founded 30 years ago to help collect tissue for retinal transplants. Langley has worked for the eye bank for the past 21 years. She told the club that over the 30 years the eye bank has been doing this, the Nashville

Lions Club has donated \$6,000. This is one of eight states and national projects the local Lions Club supports.

The message Langley was promoting at this Lions meeting was a new state project to sign people up as tissue and organ donors. The state now has an organ donor registry to replace filling out the back of a driver's license. (Go to www.IJoined.org, go to the Michigan donor and fill in the blanks for driver's license number or state ID number, name and birth date.) The state will send a heart sticker to place on the front of the driver's license.

At the present time 100,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S. People die every day because an organ did not



Russ Cerny (center) is welcomed as the latest member of the Nashville Lions Club by President Dave Mace (right) and sponsor Bernie Garvey (center).

become available. People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves

potential organ, tissue and eye donors, she said. After a dessert made by

Ray Ashcraft, the meeting was adjourned.

Revue to hold auditions, announces season

The Revue Theatre Group will hold auditions for its next musical, "Anything Goes" on Nov. 16. Auditions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. with a script and music provided.

The story concerns mad-cap antics aboard an ocean liner bound from New York to London. Billy Crocker is a

stowaway in love with heiress Hope Harcourt, who is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Nightclub singer Reno Sweeney and Public Enemy No. 13 Moonface Martin aid Billy in his quest to win Hope. The musical introduced such songs as "Anything Goes," "You're

the Top," and "I Get a Kick Out of You."

Participants will practice a song with a small group with the director and sing. The director will then listen to small group readings that are assigned. The cast will include 30 to 40 people.

For more information, e-mail therevue1@yahoo.com or call Bill Reynolds, director, at 269-838-4216.

Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Show dates are Jan. 22 to 24 and Jan. 29 to 31, 2010.

The Revue also has announced its children's and summer musical shows for the upcoming season.

The children's musical, "Alice in Wonderland," will hold auditions March 1 for grades 6 to 8 and March 2 for grades 4 to 6. Show dates are

April 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9, 2010

The summer musical is "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" and will be directed by Revue veteran Jeremy Schneider.

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Roofsit will benefit Youth Advisory Council endowment fund

The Barry Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council is sponsoring a roofsit to benefit its endowment fund held by the Barry Community Foundation. The roofsit will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Secondhand Corners in downtown Hastings.

YAC's mission statement is "Representing the youthful voices of Barry County to better the lives of our generation and generations that follow."

YAC is comprised of

more than 40 Barry County youths age 13 to 21 from all over Barry County. Students represent Thornapple Kellogg, Hastings, Delton Kellogg and Maple Valley schools.

Barry County's YAC started when the W.K. Kellogg Foundation challenged Michigan community foundations to raise \$2 million. For every \$2 raised by the Barry Community Foundation for other funds, the Kellogg Foundation provided \$1 for the youth fund. The Kellogg Youth

Challenge came to an end in December 1998. The BCF board and staff raised the \$2 million that they were challenged, which in turn provided the Barry County YAC with the \$1 million match. The youth endowment now stands at approximately \$1.2 million. Every year the interest is used toward youth programs.

Since then, the Barry Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council has given \$292,113 through mini-grants (money under \$300 and awarded all year

around) and through other \$300-plus grants that are awarded in the fall and spring. These grants benefit young people and are written by the youths.

Anyone interested in helping YAC increase the funds they have available to grant may drop off donations at the roofsit or send a check to YAC, Barry Community Foundation, 629 W. State St., Suite 201, Hastings 49058. For more information, call 269-945-0526 and ask for Jennifer Richards.

LOCAL CHURCH SCHEDULE

<p>ABUNDANT GRACE WORLD OUTREACH CENTER <i>Come as you are but don't leave the same.</i> Meet at Kalamo Twp. Hall 8960 Spore Ave. Vermontville, MI 49096 Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Evening Service: (Every 1st & 3rd Sunday) 6 p.m. REV. DAWN GOODMAN Contact numbers: (517) 852-0896 or (517) 852-9606, leave message</p>	<p>BASELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 9617 E. Baseline Rd. Corner of Baseline & Church Roads (2 miles east of M-66 on Baseline) Church Service 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) Youth Groups, Bible Study and many other activities. Phone (616) 963-7710 MINISTER: VIRGINIA HELLER</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERMONTVILLE 110 S. Main St., Vermontville, MI 49096 (517) 726-0258 PASTOR: ISRAEL (IZZY) YOUNG Wed. 5:30 p.m. Family Supper 6:00-7:15 Pioneer Club Sun: 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Church Service 11:00 Fellowship</p>	<p>KALAMO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Worship Services 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 a.m. PASTOR BRYCE FEIGNER 517-541-1144</p>
<p>ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES A Spirit-filled Church Meeting at the Maple Leaf Grange Hwy. M-66 south of Assyria Rd. Nashville, MI 49073 Sun. Praise & Worship 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. Jesus Club for boys & girls ages 4-12. Pastors David & Rose MacDonald. An oasis of God's love. "Where Everyone is Someone Special." For information call 1-269-731-5194 or 1-517-852-1806.</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 301 Fuller St., Nashville Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday: A.M. Worship 11 a.m. P.M. Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening: Worship 7 p.m. REV. ALAN METTLER</p>	<p>GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH 8950 East M-79 Highway, Nashville Morning Celebration 9 & 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service, Relevant Practical Teaching, Nursery, Children's Classes, Youth Group, Adult Small Groups, Leadership Training PASTOR: DON ROSCOE Phone: (517) 852-1783 e-mail: grace@gc3.org</p>	<p>MAPLE GROVE BIBLE CHURCH 8593 Cloverdale Road (1/2 mile East of M-66, 5 mi. south of Nashville) Sunday School 10 a.m. A.M. Service 11:15 a.m. P.M. Service 6 p.m. PASTOR GEORGE GAY</p>
<p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH 803 Reed St., Nashville Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday: A.M. Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. PASTOR GLENN BRANHAM</p>	<p>CHESTER GOSPEL CHURCH 3744 W. Vermontville Hwy. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Night Service 6:45 p.m. PASTOR MARC S. LIVINGSTON Phone: 543-5488</p>	<p>GRESHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5505 North Mulliken Road, Charlotte one mile north of Vermontville Hwy. PASTOR KATHY SMITH 517-726-0526 Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School: 10:50 a.m. United Methodist Women: 3rd Thursday</p>	<p>NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Located on the corner of State and Washington streets Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. PASTOR CATHY CHRISTMAN At Home: 852-0685 Church Phone: 852-2043</p>
<p>PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BARRYVILLE 6043 E. M-79 Highway, 4 miles west of Nashville (cor. M-79 & Barryville Rd.) Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Other: Prayer Walk, U.M. Women, Bible Study, Mission Projects & more. PASTOR SUSAN OLSEN Phone 517-852-1993 IGNITING MINISTRY Open Hearts—Open Minds—Open Doors</p>		<p>QUIMBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH M-79 West Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. PASTOR KENNETH VAUGHT (616) 945-9392</p>	
<p>ST. ANDREW & MATTHIAS INDEPENDENT ANGLICAN CHURCH 2415 McCann Road Sunday Services: 9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion For more information call: 795-2370 or Rt. Rev. David Hustwick 948-9327 Traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer used for all services. RT. REV. DAVID HUSTWICK</p>		<p>SOUTH KALAMO CHURCH Corner of Kalamo Highway & Ionia Rd. Sunday A.M. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening at 6 p.m.: PASTOR JEFF SWIFT (517) 852-9154</p>	
<p>VERMONTVILLE BIBLE CHURCH 250 N. Main St., Vermontville Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wed. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. AWANA 6:30-8 p.m. Wed. PASTOR DANIEL E. SMITH</p>		<p>ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 203 N. State, Nashville Sunday Mass 9:45 a.m. FATHER AL RUSSELL A mission of St. Rose Catholic Church, Hastings</p>	
<p>VERMONTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 108 North Main, Vermontville PASTOR KATHY SMITH 517-726-0526 Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. United Methodist Women: 2nd Tuesday</p>		<p>06652103</p>	

Hastings man arraigned on breaking and entering charges

Friday, Jeffery Scott Travis, 50, of Hastings was arraigned in Barry County District Court on charges of alleged home invasion in the second degree and alleged fleeing and eluding, fourth degree. Both are 15-year felonies. However, with previous felony convictions, the defendant could be sentenced up to a maximum of life in prison.

Travis was arrested by the Michigan State Police Thursday afternoon after allegedly being caught in the act of home invasion, leading law enforcement officers on two high-speed chases, and fleeing on foot before being arrested at a Prairieville gas station.

A warrant was issued and, according to the Michigan

State Police, a search of his home yielded large amount of property reported stolen during a series of home invasions throughout the county.

His capture and arrest all began Thursday afternoon when troopers from the Michigan State Police Hastings Post were dispatched to a home invasion in progress on East Center Road in Hastings Charter Township. The homeowner reportedly had returned home and interrupted the suspect who then fled the scene in a white Cadillac.

After arriving at the scene, a trooper observed the suspect's vehicle and attempted to stop it. A pursuit ensued. Due to the high speeds involved, the trooper lost sight of the vehicle and

ended the chase. A radio broadcast was made of the suspect's last known direction of travel.

A short time later, a deputy from the Barry County Sheriff's Department spotted the suspect's vehicle in Orangeville Township, and a second pursuit ensued. Once again, due to the speeds involved, the deputy lost sight of the vehicle. The deputy allegedly found the suspect's vehicle abandoned in Prairieville Township.

Responding agencies surrounded the area, and police canine units were called to the scene to track the suspect. The state police helicopter also was used, but the suspect was not located at that time.

Travis was later taken into

custody at a gas station in Prairieville by the Prairieville Township Police Chief Larry Gentry.

After the suspect's arrest, a search warrant was obtained for Travis' residence in the 500 block of West Marshall Street in Hastings. A search of the residence reportedly yielded a large amount of stolen property, connecting him to numerous home invasions throughout the county. The investigation continues to determine whether others are involved.

Troopers were assisted by the Barry County Sheriff's Department, Hastings City Police Department, Prairieville Township Police Department, Michigan State Police Wayland Post,

Wayland City Police Department, Allegan County Sheriff's Department, Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police 6th District Hometown Security Team, Michigan State Police Aviation Unit, Michigan State Police Southwest Enforcement Team and canine teams from the Michigan State Police, Barry County Sheriff's Department and the Allegan County Sheriff's Department.

Travis waived his right to have a preliminary pre-trial hearing within 14 days of arraignment as requested by Barry County Prosecutor Tom Evans. Evans made the request, citing the additional property from up to 30 homes found in Travis' resi-

dence during the search, subject to the warrant, the need to determine where it came from and Travis' link to those items.

Evans said Travis was a high risk of flight due to his six previous felony convictions for home invasion and allegedly leading two departments on a high-speed chase with speeds exceeding 100 miles an hour and asked for a \$150,000 bond. Travis' bond was set at \$150,000 for home invasion and \$25,000 for fleeing and eluding.

A preliminary exam pre-trial hearing has been set for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4.

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Byington. Byington said O'Dell may be looking into purchasing new hoses for the department in the coming months. He also reported to the board that there were nine runs for the department during the

past month, including one fire and one personal injury accident.

The township board also endorsed a conditional use permit for Peas in a Pod Day Care. The paperwork now returns to Eaton County for

official approval or rejection at the county's planning and zoning meeting Nov. 3. The day care's request is to move the business into the former Weatherwax store building near the corner of South Ionia Road and Nashville

Highway. The building is currently zoned as limited agriculture.

Treasurer Joe Ann Nehmer abstained from voting, citing the short amount of time given to look over the paperwork.

"I feel like you're shoving this down our throat," said Nehmer to Supervisor Jack Owens. "I don't think 15 minutes here is enough time to digest this paperwork."

Clerk Sharon Stewart said she received some of the

paperwork a week ago. The cover letter from Eaton County was dated Oct. 8.

The board also unanimously approved, with Nehmer again abstaining, a conditional use permit for John Miller to erect a greenhouse.

The board also discussed renovations that are planned for fire station No. 2 at the East end of the library on the lower level of the opera house.

Owens discussed plans

that have been developed to turn the space into offices for the township. Owens said materials for the project will cost around \$4,000, though decisions have not been made on how to finish the exterior walls. Owens said he will continue to research prices for the renovation and for materials.

The board will meet again Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the opera house on Main Street.

New Kiwanis Club officially recognized

The Maple Valley Kiwanis Club celebrated its official formation with a special dinner and event at Good Time Pizza in Nashville.

Past governors, current governors and others from many levels of the international organization were on-hand to help present the members with certificates of recognition.

Two receive degrees from CMU

Two local students were awarded degrees from Central Michigan University during the spring commencement ceremony.

Receiving diplomas were Nicholas Jones of Nashville, master of arts; and Stephanie Joostberns of Nashville, bachelor of applied arts.

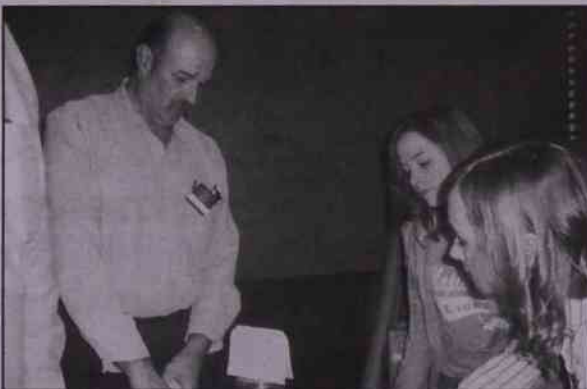
Hastings, Delta, Detroit and others also took part in the event. Students from the Norma Jean Acker's leadership class at Maple Valley High School helped run a silent auction which raised \$781 for the club.

The evening also included dinner and door prizes along with gifts bestowed upon the new club and its members. The event raised more than \$1,100 which will go toward programs to impact local youths. The club has already taken part in the backpack program by donating more than 95 stuffed bags, and members are currently hold-

ing a food drive to benefit the holiday basket program and have implemented a dictionary program with Eaton Federal Savings Bank to give each third grade student in the district a dictionary.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

The name "Kiwanis" means "we trade" or "we share our talents." It was coined from a Native American expression, Nunc Kee-wanis.



Gary White (left), along with wife Bonnie, worked with members of the leadership class to organize the silent auction.

Agency seeking donations for holidays

Housing Services for Eaton County (HSEC) receives many requests for household items during the holiday season. In order to meet the number of requests from clients, HSEC is looking for donations from local residents and businesses.

The following items are highly requested: bath and hand towels, silverware, coffee pots, pillows, bedding,

cooking utensils, pots and pans, cookie sheets, dishes, lamps, laundry baskets, mops and brooms. Families, individuals or businesses looking to adopt a family or donate items to HSEC may contact Kalli Dempsey at 517-541-1180 or Kdempsey@housing-servicesec.org.

HSEC is a nonprofit agency that works to prevent

homelessness, evictions and foreclosures for Eaton County residents. Last year, HSEC provided assistance to 461 households which including 228 homeless families, 178 evictions, 19 relocations and 36 foreclosures.

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MON-TH 4:45, 7:10, 9:40

● SAW VI (R)
FRI-SUN 1:05, 3:10, 5:20, 7:45, 9:50
MON-TH 5:20, 7:45, 9:50

● WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG)
FRI-SUN 12:10, 2:25, 4:35, 7:00, 9:10
MON-TH 4:35, 7:00, 9:10

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13)
FRI-SUN 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
MON-TH 5:10, 7:35, 10:00

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Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Friendship Sites Congregate Menu
Monday, November 2
 Beef stew, California blend, sliced peaches, biscuit.
Tuesday, November 3
 BBQ chicken leg, qtr., corn, coleslaw, tropical fruit, cornbread.
Wednesday, November 4
 Baked Ziti with sausage, peas and carrots, green beans, pear halves, garlic bread.
Thursday, November 5
 Taco bar, Spanish rice, fiesta corn, banana.
Friday, November 6
 Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, jello with fruit, dinner roll.

Home Delivered Cold Menu
Monday, November 2
 Tuna salad, potato salad, peaches, wheat bread.
Tuesday, November 3
 Turkey pasta salad, black bean salad, applesauce, saltines.
Wednesday, November 4
 Sliced roast beef w/cheese, coleslaw, apricots, wheat bread.

Thursday, November 5
 Chef salad, pea salad, tropical fruit, graham crackers.
Friday, November 6
 Egg salad, salad, broccoli raisin salad, jello with fruit, wheat bread.

Home Delivered Hearty Menu
Monday, November 2
 Beef stew, California blend, cherry crisp, wheat bread.
Tuesday, November 3
 BBQ chicken breast, butter beans, Brussels sprouts, diced peaches, wheat bread.
Wednesday, November 4
 Baked Ziti with sausage, peas and carrots, green beans, diced pears.
Thursday, November 5
 Breakfast casserole, hash-brown potatoes, fruit punch, muffin.
Friday, November 6
 Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pineapple, wheat bread.

Crash claims life of motorcyclist

On Oct. 28, at 9:40 a.m., deputies from the Eaton County Sheriff's office responded to a fatal vehicle crash at the intersection of Lansing Road and Millett Highway in Delta Township. A preliminary investigation determined that a semi-truck driven by Mark Brenner, age 48, from

Portland was turning from northbound Lansing Road to westbound Millett Highway. A 2001 Yamaha motorcycle traveling southbound on Lansing Road driven by 19-year-old Ethan Franks of Eaton Rapids struck the rear tire of the semi.

Franks was reported deceased at the scene. He was wearing a helmet, and excessive speed may have been a factor, according to the sheriff's department.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor. The crash remains under investigation.

Area Obituaries

Thomas Jay Wyble Jr.

VERMONTVILLE
 Thomas Jay Wyble Jr., 50, of Vermontville, died, Wednesday, October 28, 2009.



Mr. Wyble was born February 15, 1959 in Charlotte, the son of Thomas and Kay (Monroe) Wyble. Tom was a devoted General Motors worker for 33 years.

He was a life-long resident of the Charlotte and Maple Valley Community.

Mr. Wyble loved spending time with his family, being with his grandchildren, farming, hunting and camping.

He is survived by his wife, Kristine; daughters, Lacy Kay (Rico) Fuentes, Jamie Renee Wyble and Brandon (Jessica) Schultz; six grandchildren; Jaycee, Jayden, Carter, Kylen, Camden and Amaya; mother, Kay E. Wyble; sisters, Maureen (Mike) Orman and Valerie (Brian) Hudson; brother, Michael (Laura) Wyble and many nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2009 at Nashville Baptist Church, Nashville, with Pastor Lester Degroot officiating. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Vermontville.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton County Suicide Prevention Coalition or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to www.prayfuneral.com.

Multiple sclerosis benefit planned for Sunday

Vermontville resident Kristen Vanderhoef has organized a benefit Sunday, Nov. 1, to raise funds and awareness for multiple sclerosis. A euchre tournament, live music, desserts and a silent auction will all be part

of the evening.

To help organize the benefit, Vanderhoef has enlisted the help of Norma Jean Acker's leadership class and Monique Colizzi's personal computing class at Maple Valley High School.

A current nursing student, Vanderhoef said that along with fun and entertainment, she hopes to help those in attendance become more aware of the disease and how it affects the body.

"From the nursing perspective, my goal is to educate people about the disease and what it's like to live with the disease," said Vanderhoef. "I don't have a monetary amount set that I want to raise, I just want to have a fun community event."

A \$10 donation required to attend the evening. For more information, contact Vanderhoef at 616-644-4016.

Card of Thanks

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our family and friends who came and helped us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Thank you so much for the gifts you gave us. Also thanks to our children who planned the party and provided the refreshments and the beautiful cake. May God bless you all. Jim & Jerilee Hostetler

Garage Sale

MOO-VILLE GARGE SALE: Tues. Nov. 3rd, 9-6. All items \$1.00, second day Wednesday, all items .50c cents each, Thursday all items FREE. Variety of items. 2 miles south of Nashville on corner of M-66 & M-79. 517-852-9003

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Pets

BE AWARE: animals offered for free may end-up being sold to research or used in dog fighting. (A message from Barry County Humane Society)

Correction

A grant from the Michigan FFA Foundation covered the cost of the fish tank at Maple Valley High School featured in a story in last week's *Maple Valley News*. Also, Ashley Pywell's name was misprinted.

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LHS drama 'Yellow Boat' sets sail Nov. 6

Lakewood High School will present its fall drama, "The Yellow Boat," Friday Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m. at the Main Street Theatre House, 301 Main St. in Nashville (the old Masonic building on M-66).

Students who participate in the drama and musical programs at Lakewood High School have been vagabonds since construction began at the school, leaving them with no place to perform until the new auditorium is completed. Last November, they performed in the school's cafeteria; this past spring, they joined forces with Maple Valley High School to perform "West Side Story."

This time around, they are using the Main Street Theatre House, home of the Revue, to perform their latest drama, "The Yellow Boat."

Doing this particular show is a labor of love for co-director Amanda Wells.

"A friend of mine performed this play in college, and I went to see him in it," she said. "It is one of my most memorable theater experiences. It's a true work of art."

"The Yellow Boat" is the story of Benjamin Saar, a young boy who contracts

HIV through a blood transfusion in the 1980s. The play illustrates the hardships of the child and his family and how Benjamin learns to cope with his illness and express himself through his drawings and artwork.

What makes the story even more poignant, said Wells, is that Benjamin was a real little boy; the work was written by his father, David Saar. The play itself is written from Benjamin's perspective, and is intended for a mixed audience. Children as young as 8 are expected to be able to understand and follow the plot, she added, while their parents and grandparents will appreciate the story line as well.

Even though the subject matter is rather weighty, there are many light moments in the show to help maintain a good balance of laughter and tears, said Wells.

Doing a play that is so realistic and heartfelt has had its challenges.

"This play is deceptively difficult because on the outside, it looks so simple," explained Wells. "But simple also means there is no glitz to cover up mistakes. 'Yellow Boat' relies on the actors solely to tell the story. They don't get much help



Mother (Maria Licari) and Father (Brandon Shapley) join Benjamin (Ian Henretty) in his imaginary boat. His boat is always the yellow boat, because it's the one that sails, "up, up, up to the sun." (Photo provided)



The chorus members pretend to be trees as Benjamin tells the story. Pictured are Lynette King (from left), Jerry Grieser, Adam Tolley, Kaitlin Tennant and Ian Henretty at Benjamin. (Photo provided)

from props or songs or anything like that."

Difficulties aside, Wells said she is certain the young cast is up for the challenge.

"These kids have fallen in love with this story, which is what I had hoped would hap-

pen. They can't wait to share it with our community and are dedicated to doing their very best. What more can a director ask of her actors?"

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Wells at 616-902-4193. Tickets are



Mother (Maria Licari) and Father (Brandon Shapley) freeze as Benjamin (Ian Henretty) explains to the audience that something in his body isn't right anymore. (Photo provided)

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday, November 2
Mini cheeseburger. Whole kernel corn, pears, snack.

Tuesday, November 3
Popcorn chicken. Whole kernel corn, pineapple cake.

Wednesday, November 4
MW: Baked potato bar. Fuller: Goulash. Broccoli, grapes, Goldfish Crackers.

Thursday, November 5
Pizza. Tossed salad, peaches, chips.

Friday, November 6
Chicken pot pie. Roll, juice, spice bar.

NOTE: Fuller Alternative Entree Choices: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Maplewood Alternate Entree Choices: 6 oz. Yogurt w/string cheese, chef salad, peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Milk is included with all full meal purchases. Assorted bread choices daily.

Breakfast price: \$1.30; Lunch price: \$1.90; Adult price: \$2.75; milk only: \$.45.

Mexican bar.

Wednesday, November 4
BBQ rib sandwich. Whole kernel corn, cinnamon apple. Hot dog bar.

Thursday, November 5
Chicken nuggets. Mashed potatoes, peaches. Pasta bar.

Friday, November 6
Burritos. Refried beans, applesauce. Potato bar.

NOTE: Entree's available daily: cheeseburger, variety of chicken sandwiches, pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fish sandwich, 6 oz. yogurt w/string cheese.

Side choices available daily: garden salad, juice, fresh fruit.

Milk is included with all full meal purchases. Seconds available on vegetables at no additional charge. Assorted bread choices daily.

Breakfast price: \$1.45; Lunch price: \$2.25-\$2.50; Adult prices: \$2.75-\$3.00. Milk only: \$.45.

* Menu subject to change.

Maple Valley Jr.-Sr. High School Lunch Menu

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HGB temporarily revises visitation policies due to H1N1

Hayes Green Beech Hospital in Charlotte has instituted new hospital-wide

guidelines limiting visitors to safeguard patients, staff and others against H1N1 and seasonal flu exposure.

Under the new guidelines, hospital visitors are now limited to persons aged 16 years or older. Visitors to all patient areas throughout HGB are limited to immediate family members, and patients are limited to two visitors at a time. HGB's emergency department also is now limited to two visitors per patient.

"We recognize that HGB's reputation has been built on user-friendly, patient-centered care, which is why in the past we have had no restrictions on visitation," said Matt Rush, HGB president and CEO. "However, given the increases in H1N1 flu activity throughout the region, we have an obligation to do

whatever we can to ensure the continued health of our patients and staff. Our revised visitation policy is a necessary step toward protecting patients, staff and our

individuals that enter our facility."

HGB also strongly encourages limited visitation within all hospital areas and reminds the public that any-

one with a fever, cough, sore throat or other sign of illness should not come to the hospital to visit a patient.

The temporary visitation policies are expected to last

until the flu season subsides in early 2010. Hospitals throughout Michigan are implementing similar new visitor rules for the current flu season.

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by Rev. Catherine Christman
Nashville United Methodist Church

This weekend while the children are having a wonderful time pretending and playing, Christians are getting ready for another holiday, All Saints Day. This is a sort of Memorial Day in the life of the church. This is a day to remember and celebrate all of our loved ones and church family who have passed away, not only in the recent year, but also those who still live on in our hearts. We also celebrate the saints who live among us. As a Christian, this is a day where we encounter the Holy Spirit, perhaps in

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ways that we have never done before. This expected encounter with God has prompted me to explore this idea a bit deeper.

I was reading in a book recently about holy places. On the coasts of Scotland and Ireland there are certain sites that the locals call "thin places." Thin places are not so named because the altitude is any higher or the air any thinner there. Rather, they are called "thin" because it is believed that in these places the distance between heaven and earth shrinks, and the veil between the two worlds is so "thin" you can actually perceive something of heaven itself.

The ancient Celts — sensing the deep spirituality of these sites — built many of their worship places on them, some still marked today by circles of stone. Later Christians also built churches and monasteries

and cemeteries there. And people who visit these sites today sometimes say they lose all track of time and space while there, and they know, deep down inside, they are on holy ground. For in thin places, boundaries of time and space fade away. There is no yesterday, today or tomorrow — only eternity stretching forth in a timeless continuum.

On a weekend like this one — a weekend when many Christian churches around the world are celebrating All Saints Day — it is good to visit the thin places, as we think about our loved ones who now dwell in the world beyond this one. It is good to open ourselves up to encountering the holy through our tears, and in the memories of those saints who have gone before us.

In reading Revelations 7, the author invites us to join in and experience a thin

place, a place where tears and memories connect us to the holy. The view here, in this part of Revelations, is different than in later chapters of this book where we behold a city whose streets are paved with gold, whose walls are made of jasper, and where a river, bright as crystal, flows from the throne of God in its midst. Here we glimpse not so much the physical attributes of the city, but its tenor, its vibrancy, its inner life.

This inner life, is a life we can experience while here on earth. We get glimpses into heaven each time we encounter the holy through our tears and our memories. But, as Christians, our glimpses into heaven, our experiences with the thin places, come when we serve Christ through faith.

Do you have any thin places in your own life? Places where the veil between heaven and earth seems gossamer thin, places where you have the sure sense that you are standing on holy ground, communing with the saints who have gone before you? For me, it's the lake, the woods, the many times I stand up front at church and watch and listen as each member of the congregation experiences the holy.

All Saints Day is a day for the thin places, the places where experiencing the holy is found in our tears, our memories, and even in our laughter. This is a day where finding the holy is in pictures, songs, and stories. So wherever you are, whatever you are doing, praise God, for the ground upon which you are standing may well be holy. And if you will but open yourself to the Spirit — the same Spirit who allowed the disciples a glimpse into heaven itself with Jesus Christ — you may find yourself transported to a place where the boundaries between this world and the world to come fade away, and where you sense your unity not only with God, but with all the saints who dwell with God in glory.

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Lion girls and Trojan boys fourth to first in county

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Thornapple Kellogg had two, Delton Kellogg had two, and Hastings had one runner finish before the first Maple Valley girl crossed the finish line at Monday afternoon's Barry County Cross Country Meet in Hastings.

The Lions were the first to have five finishers though and won with three fewer points than Thornapple Kellogg, 47-50. The Thornapple Kellogg boys took an 18-point victory over Delton Kellogg in their race.

The championships were a big step up for both teams, which placed fourth out of five teams in the meet a year ago.

Maple Valley head coach Robb Rosin must have done his own fair share of running.

"Our coach really encouraged us today," said Maple Valley's Pantera Rider, who was one of five Lion girls to earn first or second team all-county honors by placing in the top 14.

"He was everywhere. He was at the mile, the two-mile, the last hill, then at the finish."

Teammate Kaytlin Furlong agreed.

"It was good encouragement today. You had me all excited," she said to Rosin.

Jessica Rushford led the Lion ladies, placing sixth overall in 23 minutes 23 seconds. The next four of her teammates all finished within 44 seconds of her. Rider was eighth in 23:42, Furlong

tenth in 23:59, Megan Shoemaker 11th in 24:01, and Lauren Trumble 12th in 24:07.

"We've had four all year, and then our fifth runner has been lagging behind," said Rosin. "And it's been a different one every time. We finally got all five of them up there."

The top ten runners were medallists on the day, and the top seven earned first team All-Barry County honors while the next seven finishers are second team all-county.

Thornapple Kellogg junior took individual honors at the meet for the third consecutive season, winning in 20:07. Her teammate Casey Lawson was second in 21:07.

The next two finishers were from Delton Kellogg, as Brianna Russell hit the finish line in 21:11 and Jolene Drum in 21:11. Hastings' Alaina Case was fifth in 23:12.

Rounding out the top ten were Hastings' Katie Ponsetto in seventh place with a time of 23:31 and Lauren Anderson in ninth at 23:52.

Behind the top two teams, Hastings was third with 57 points, Delton Kellogg 67, and Lakewood 125.

Thornapple Kellogg's Jessica Crawford was 14th in 24:17, Olivia LaJoye 16th in 24:21, and Sara Densberger 17th in 24:23.

The last two Hastings' scorers were Meg Travis who was 15th in 24:17 and Jenny LaJoye who finished



Maple Valley's varsity girls' cross country team celebrates its first place finish at Monday's Barry County Meet hosted by Hastings High School. Team members are (from left) Kristen Iszler, Pantera Rider, Megan Shoemaker, Kaytlin Furlong, Lauren Trumble, Kayla Shaw, Jessica Rushford, and Maggie Otholt. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

21st in 25:22.

Delton had Kelsey Sofia place 13th in 24:10, followed by Taylor Hennessey 19th in 24:55, and Liz Jackson 28th in 26:56.

Lakewood's leader was Roxanne Powelson who came in 20th in 25:09. Susie Quint was 24th in 25:56, followed by Cassie Thelen 25th in 26:20, Courtney Jenkins 27th in 26:55, and Maria Patrick 29th in 27:04.

Tim Olsen, Dustin Brummel, and Carl Olsen came in one right after another, in fourth, fifth, and sixth place respectively to lead Thornapple Kellogg's boys to their title.

"In that front group, Dustin was about a minute and a half from where he was at the O-K Gold Meet," said TK head coach Josh Reynolds. "Part of that was the conditions, and part of that was I told them to really be smart. Have a good race and don't take too much out of ourselves for (regionals) Saturday."

Tim led the pack to the finish in 18:45. Brummel came in in 18:46, and Carl Olsen in 18:47.

"It was good to have those three guys running together," Reynolds said. "I was really proud of Matt Williamson too. It was a very good way for a senior to run his last race before regionals."

Williamson placed tenth in 19:33, and Dominic Bierenga rounded out the scoring for TK with a 19th place time of 20:27.

Delton Kellogg had two of the top three runners, including individual champion Ryan Watson who came in in 18:05. Brandon Humphreys was third in 18:30. Lakewood's Tucker Seese split up the duo, placing second in 18:18.

Thornapple Kellogg won the event with 44 points. Delton Kellogg finished with

62, Lakewood 66, Hastings 67, and Maple Valley 110.

Behind those first two for Delton Kellogg, Kannon Hoffman was 15th in 20:16,

Tyler Bourdo 16th in 20:16, and Zach Haas 30th in 22:02.

After Seese for the Vikings, Jason Foltz was ninth in 19:20, Eddie Barta

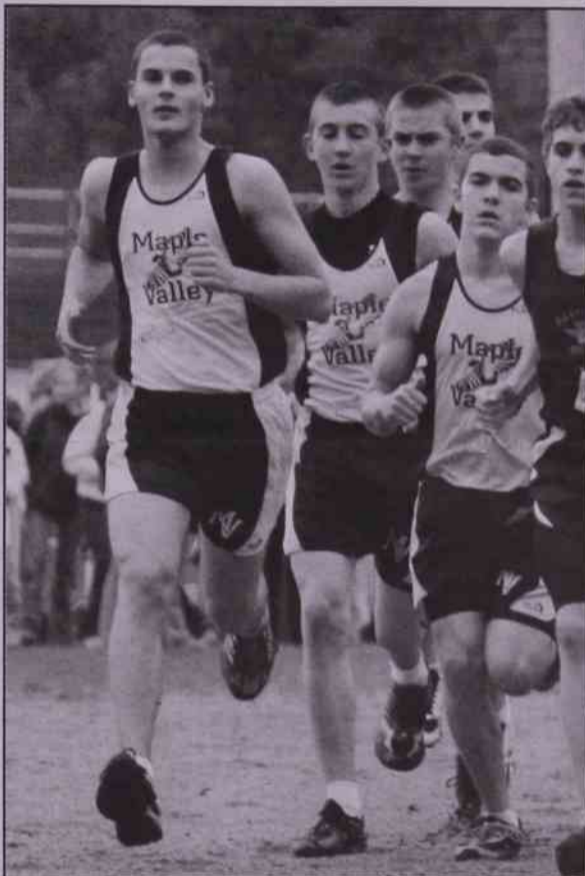
12th in 19:46, Adam Senters 20th in 20:44, and Nick Blocher 24th in 21:18.

Hastings was led by Mitch Singleterry, who came in seventh with a time of 19:00. The Saxons' Mile Belcher was 11th in 19:43, Taylor Klotz 14th in 19:54, Jake Partridge 17th in 20:24, and Pele Belcher 18th in 20:27.

Maple Valley's Joe Benedict was eighth in 19:08, followed by teammates Brady Halliwill 13th in 19:47, Christian Schmadicke 32nd in 22:39, Darius France 33rd in 22:54, and Zach Mellville 40th in 24:32.

Lakewood, Hastings, and Thornapple Kellogg will all be a part of the Division 2 Regional Meet today hosted by Carson City-Crystal at the Fish Creek Sportman's Club. The girl's race is slated to start at 1:30 p.m., and the boys' at 2:30.

Delton Kellogg and Maple Valley head to Portage West Middle School for their Division 3 regional race, which begins at 10 a.m.



Maple Valley's Christian Schmadicke (left) leads makes his way to the front of a pack that includes teammates Brady Halliwill and Joe Benedict at the start of Monday's Barry County Meet. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Maple Valley's Jessica Rushford races along just beyond the two-mile mark at Monday's Barry County Meet hosted by Hastings High School. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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Lions finish 5-4 in the KVA with wins in final two duals

Maple Valley's varsity volleyball team improved to 24-12-6 overall and 5-4 in the Kalamazoo Valley Association by scoring wins over Olivet and Constantine in the final two league matches of the regular season.

The Lions were focused Tuesday as they topped Olivet in five games 25-23, 25-20, 23-25, 13-25, 15-12.

"Our girls played hard and they never gave up," Lion head coach Sarah Carpenter said. "Olivet is a well

coached, solid team."

Tina Westendorp pounded 18 kills to lead the Lions attack, and Jennifer Kent added 11 of her own to go along with six blocks. Elizabeth Stewart had 27 assists and Karlee Mater 12. Mater and Westendorp both had six aces.

The Lion defense was led by Sam Bissett who had 18 digs, and Stewart with 16.

After Saturday's league tournament, the Lions return to action Tuesday evening. They open the Class C

District Tournament they're hosting by taking on Laingsburg at 7:30 p.m. The winner of that match will face Pewamo-Westphalia in the district semifinals Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

On the other half of the district bracket, Bath takes on Dansville Tuesday at 6 p.m. The winner of that match plays Potterville in the first semifinal Thursday beginning at 6 p.m.

The district championship match is slated for next Saturday at 10 a.m.

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Former Head Coach Guenther Mittelstaedt was honored with a special sign commemorating his years at Maple Valley High School Friday during the Lions 8-7 win over Olivet. He was joined by wife Janice. (Photo by Amy Jo Kinyon)

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